

# The Link

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SEPTEMBER 22



## WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

FUN DAY  
11th September

## MISSION FOCUS

Mothers' Union

## WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Community Show  
10th September

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## Sundays at St Francis:

### Worship

4th September

What is Worship? (Bible Focus at 7pm too)  
Psalm 8 / Mark 12.28-34

11th September

How do we Worship?  
Hebrews 13.8-16 / John 4.19-26

18th September (Encounter Evening at 7pm too)

Worship Music  
Psalm 150 / Colossians 3.12-174

25th September

Missions Focus  
Exodus 3.1-12 / Romans 12.9-18

### Service Times

Regular Sunday Services:

- 9.30am Friendly traditional service
- 11am Family service with children's groups
- Refreshments are served at 10.30am**
- 1st Sunday Evening Bible Focus 7pm
- 3rd Sunday evening ENCOUNTER 7pm

### EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE - at 6pm.

Fancy a change of air?

Every third Sunday in the month St Lawrence at Stratford-sub-Castle holds an Evensong Service which is supported by the St Francis choir. It is a joint service to which all parishioners from all our 3 churches in the benefice are very welcome as they are also any Sunday at 10am. In the winter months the Service is usually held at 4pm.

Further details can be obtained from John Walsh on 07913867109.

## Letter from the Curate

I had a 'zero' birthday recently. Funny how big birthday celebrations are around 18, then 21, before we finally settle on the zero ones. I guess it is a milestone as we enter a new decade, and it is certainly a good excuse to celebrate with family and friends.

I have a large family who are scattered around the UK with a couple in Europe, so it was particularly special to gather together for a weekend and just spend time together in a relaxed way; 33 of us at one point, and that didn't include the whole family!



A 'zero' birthday is also a good time to think and reflect. What have been the highlights of my life so far? What have been the low times? What have been the sustaining features and structures?

I identified two occasions which have particularly shaped my life. First when I was four years old, I remember a sunny day, when suddenly the sun was hidden by a big cloud. This may sound strange, but I became aware of 'good and evil', how the wonder and beauty of life can become marred. I became aware of a life beyond the here and now, of a Creator behind creation. The quest was for me to discover what that Creator looked like.

The second occasion was soon after my father had died suddenly and prematurely, when I discovered burglars had been into the room where two of my children were sleeping. As the horror of the situation dawned on me, I was suddenly aware of an angel at the end of their bed, protecting them, and I felt God speak to me saying that he had been there protecting them, that although my father was no longer around to look after me, He would always be with me.

The quest and discovery of the Creator God has shaped my life journey.... I wonder what has informed yours? If you felt able, I'd love to talk and share experiences together.

In the meantime, I pray that during zero birthdays or celebrations in general, we may take the time to reflect on our lives and consider what has shaped and sustained us.

Blessings

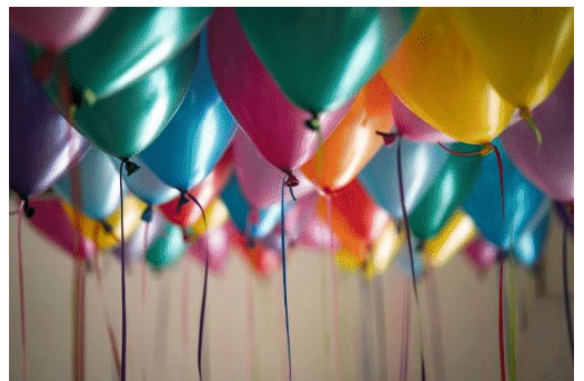
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# WHAT'S ON @ ST FRANCIS

## **STRICTLY COME LADIES**

The group normally meets at St Francis in the Beatrice Room at 7.30pm on the third Friday of each month except August. We offer a warm welcome to ladies of all ages, a place to meet up with old friends or make new ones through joining in our varied programme of activities - meals, crafts, games, quizzes, reminiscence activities and most importantly, a good chat. We are a happy mixture of church members, friends and neighbours from the parish and wider community.

### **PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN 2022**

#### **SEPTEMBER 16th -BRING AND SHARE MEAL**

Bring a plate of food to share-sweet or savoury, hot or cold and catch up with people after the summer break. An ideal meeting for new people to come along and join in . You are assured of a very warm welcome.

#### **OCTOBER 21st - QUIZ NIGHT**

How well do you think you know Salisbury? Come and test yourself with a photographic quiz. After a break for refreshments we hope you will then be full of good ideas for next year's programme.

#### **NOVEMBER 18th- CREATE FOR CHRISTMAS**

At 7.30pm in the church The Create team are back together to lead another great event offering a large number of crafts. As this is always so popular (65 people came in 2019) it will be essential to reserve a place on Church Suite. Open to all ages ( Year 7 up wards welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult) Tickets £5 each

#### **DECEMBER 16th - FILM NIGHT**

**Wear your Christmas Jumper or something red and enjoy a film and Christmas nibbles in the Beatrice Room at 7.30pm**

For more information contact Jacky at [jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com)  
Jenny Pankhurst Tel 01722 328761 or April Hall Tel 01722 414296



# 50 *and beyond...*

We hope to see you in September. The events are open to all, so feel free to invite a neighbour or friend!

Wednesday, September 7, 10:00am

Take a bus ride to Bournemouth for lunch and a stroll. Meet at Bus stop M on Blue Boar Row for a 10:15 departure on Salisbury Red x3 (Senior bus passes accepted). Walk through the gardens to seafront for fish and chips. Depart 15:35, return Salisbury 17:05.

For information, contact: John Smith or Kris Richardson Smith at [kris@richardson.net](mailto:kris@richardson.net), 01722 500274 or 07963 500331.

We are a St Francis based fellowship and service group, focused on people 50+ in age. The events are open to all. To find out more, or to be added to the email distribution list, contact [kris@richardson.net](mailto:kris@richardson.net) or any of the organizers



The Cafe is open every Friday from 9.30 - 11.30 and is open to anyone, offering fresh filter coffee, tea, home-made cakes and biscuits, all for £1 per item, including free refills. We have customers of all ages and both men and women, so if you fancy a local, good, cup of coffee, why not try us, and meet some new friends at the same time. You will see the "Friday Cafe" boards outside the Church entrances, to show the way in. If you have any questions, please ring Penny on 01722 504326.

Check out the What's On tab at [www.st-francischurch.org.uk](http://www.st-francischurch.org.uk) for upcoming events

## St Francis Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Beatrice Room from 9.45 a.m. to start our meeting at 10.00 a.m. We have a short devotional time and then a talk or discussion on a theme, followed by coffee. Parish Communion is at 11.00 a.m. to which all are welcome but is mainly attended by our small group.

**Our programme for autumn 2022 is as follows:**

**14 September – “Two years as mayoress!” - Talk by Carrie Walsh.** (Carrie is a member of our group and is serving on the MU Diocesan Board of Trustees)

**12 October – MEET AT 10.30 A.M.** for coffee, followed by 11.00a.m. Communion. Followed by a Ploughman's Lunch. This is a different time from usual.

**9 November – “Church buildings and how we use them”**

**4 December - Informal Christmas celebration**

The Mothers' Union is a world-wide Anglican Christian organisation with 4 million members in 86 countries. It was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a Hampshire vicar's wife. She was a woman of personal piety and held mothers' meetings in her home as she wanted women to support one another in raising their children. In 1952 the Queen became our patron. The Mothers' Union is consulted on family issues by the government and, by 2000, the MU was given consultative status within the United Nations. We are delighted to welcome new members to our group but attending a group is not necessary for membership as all our activities are founded on prayer. Membership is open to anyone, man or woman, who would like to join us and support our aims, not just mothers nowadays. You are most welcome to join us at a meeting or contact Carole (01722 324421), Carrie (01722 500845) or Jenny (01722 328761) to find out more.

Every year we each receive our Mothers' Union Prayer Diary booklet, which has a short prayer/meditation for each day and subjects for the Wave of Prayer for every week, naming Countries, Specific Areas and members needing our prayers and support.

We also have a twice-yearly magazine called 'Connected'. The contents for Spring listed 48 articles which included 'Profound and permanent change', 'Dealing with devastation', 'Seventy years of making a difference', 'Walking and worshipping', 'God never forgets re dementia', 'The Lambeth Conference, MU and you', just to name some. Perhaps you would like to borrow one to see what it contains?

We also have our Spring and Autumn diocesan magazine called 'Windows', which has a message from our President, Treasurer's Notes and more local information on what our groups have been supporting and providing. Every month we have a Diocese of Salisbury MU Reflections and Intercessions leaflet. *Carole Long*



Ladybirds Pre-school is your local childcare setting that has long established ties within our community located in St Francis Church hall. We are a free flow setting, this allows the children to decide where they want to learn, be it in our indoor area where their imaginations and creativity are inspired or in our exciting outside space.

We currently have spaces so please get in touch using the contact information below if you would like more information or to arrange a visit.



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## Zumba

Dance yourself fit to a fusion of Latin and international music, combined with a heart-pumping cardio workout that's easy to follow and fun to do! St Francis Church Hall, Beatrice Road - Wednesday 9.45-10.45am / £7. For class details contact Lisa Brewer 07941307683. Licenced Zumba instructor.



## **SOUTH SUDAN & SALISBURY**

It was our privilege and joy to welcome eight Sudanese Bishops and their wives to St Francis on the 10th of August. In a way worthy of South Sudan, we shared with them something of our vision, our communal life, our history, and our premises. The Bishop from Juba diocese was particularly pleased to see the church so formative in the life of Juba Model School. Katie then gave a flavour of a Tent on the Green service, and it was a lot of fun to see our visitors creating 'cup versions of themselves'. Next Jane led them into the Youth Lounge where Bishop Abraham played table tennis for the first time in his life, while table football, basket ball or the pool table proved a temptation for others before we headed back to the main church where Rory led us in a time of sung worship.

We were conscious of different life experience as we met together, yet marvelled at the sense of one family – a tangible expression of 'though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread'. We continue to pray for peace and reconciliation within that war torn country, for courage, wisdom, protection and strength for our dear brothers and sisters.

Mary Terry



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# what's coming up

## SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM | **ALL AGE SERVICE**

Join us as we kick off the new term looking at some of our Church values. There'll be lots of games, fun and creativity as we celebrate together in our service.

## SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2-5PM | **SUMMER FUN DAY**

You're invited! It's going to be another fun packed day with loads of activities, fun and stalls for all the family. No Messy Church this month because of the rescheduled Fun Day.

## SUNDAY 18TH + 25TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM | **ALL AGE SERVICE**

Sunday 18th 2-6 year olds will have the opportunity to go to Hope Kids. Sunday 26th is our all age service where we'll be exploring what Jesus said about himself.

## STARTING OCTOBER | **ALPHA: EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the big questions of life and faith. If you're new to church or wouldn't call yourself a Christian then Alpha is designed for you!

Each week there's a short film exploring some of the basics of the Christian faith and then a chance to talk about it with others and share what you think. For more details email [oldsarum@st-francischurch.org.uk](mailto:oldsarum@st-francischurch.org.uk)





Over the last 12 months the St Francis Worship Community has worked hard to reestablish and build the team in light of Covid19. We have sought to do this through weekly worship practices, regular Sunday socials and midweek Worship Community Gatherings.

As a Worship Community we know the importance of regularly meeting together to eat, explore the Bible and growing in our gifts and knowledge through practical workshops.

As we continue this journey as a Worship Community exploring our creative gifts and building each other up we are really expectant and excited about the next 6 to 12 months ahead. If you have a musical ability or a heart for worship and creativity please contact Rory - [worship@st-francischurch.org.uk](mailto:worship@st-francischurch.org.uk)

## Answer to Prayer?

Last night I went to bed with a prayer that I would get up in time to get my daughter to school for 6.30am (leaving for Exmoor, Duke of Edinburgh) and the energy to clean the kitchen and bathroom as I had friends coming over for lunch. I was particularly worried that my phone would run out of battery (it's been doing funny things, Apple probably thinks I need an upgrade) and so my alarm wouldn't work.

At 3.45am there was a crash outside my house (stolen car, police chase) and a man fled the scene over the shed and into our garden - where he flew over the deck into the undergrowth and hurt his ankle. The garden was full of police by 4am.

I'm up, the kitchen is clean and my house is surrounded by men in uniform. It seems a bit of an overreaction to my prayer but then I am a heavy sleeper. My daughter made it to the minibus for 6.30 (with a police escort out of Castle Road). Needless to say everyone else in the house slept through the whole thing! The burglar was very apologetic about the mess he'd made in the garden. I didn't like to say that it was already like that before he arrived.

*The Church Mouse*

# WORDSEARCH

## The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject - it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world - there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Kingdom  
Heaven  
Good  
Seed  
Field

Sleeping  
Grain  
Weeds  
Enemy  
Servants

Master  
Sow  
Gather  
Reap  
Root

Let  
Grow  
Together  
Harvest  
Bundles

Barn  
Burned

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## A Journey into Bereavement

Bereavement is something that touches us all at some point in our lives, and the impact of losing someone we love can be huge and affect many aspects of our lives. Working through our grief and the loss of a loved one takes a long

time and we may experience many conflicting emotions.

A group of us who have been bereaved, some more recently than others, have been meeting at St Francis Church and spending time thinking and talking about our loved ones and our experience of loss. In a caring and gentle environment, we reflect on what has happened to us and what is happening still, with opportunities both to talk and listen with people with whom we have some very particular things in common.

Over five or six structured and guided discussions which are prompted by short videos presented by a bereavement counsellor, we look at topics such as

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The impact and pain of bereavement
- Adjusting to change
- Anger and Guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Moving forward healthily
- An optional sixth session on a Faith Perspective



People tend to believe that grief diminishes over time; what really happens is that we grow around our grief.

### Comments from participants:

*Parts of the journey are described as 'grief work' which I am finding a useful description for some of the things I am adapting to as I begin to consider where the journey might take me next.*

*The course is quietly professional and very supportive. I'm so pleased I plucked up the courage to come along.*

*I have been given the opportunity to objectively analyse my reaction in the light of my previous life history.*

*I thoroughly recommend The Bereavement Journey for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one, whatever the age or relationship.*

We plan to run our next course fortnightly from Tuesday 13 September, 7pm for 7.30pm-9.30pm. If this is something you feel you might benefit from, please contact Rev Mary Terry on 01722 349886 or [curate@st-francischurch.org.uk](mailto:curate@st-francischurch.org.uk) .

## WILTSHIRE RIDE AND STRIDE



The next annual Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022.

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route.

For more information contact Nigel Hancock on [jonty592@aol.com](mailto:jonty592@aol.com) or check out the website - [wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride](http://wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride)

## ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY SINGERS



If you like singing, come and join us at St Francis on Mondays 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Tea and biscuits beforehand at 2.30pm.  
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# RICH WORLD / POOR WORLD MEAL

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7PM

Your tickets are £10 each which may give you a four-course meal or the sort of meal eaten by many of the poorer countries in Africa. The aim of the evening is to raise awareness of the disparities in our world and also to raise a generous sum of money to send to Christian aid Africa. This is why we are unashamedly having a raffle!

We are delighted that David Pain, now Diocesan Secretary but previously on a senior post in Christian Aid will be telling us about its far reaching work.

There is a severe threat of famine in parts of Africa, partly due to climate change but also from the interruption of grain supplies resulting from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

**So the need is great.**

Tickets are limited so do buy yours from Mary Paisey or the church office.

**u3a**  
*40th Anniversary*  
**Learn Laugh Live**

The u3a is a UK wide movement of locally run interest groups that provide opportunities for people in their 'third age' to pursue learning for fun and satisfaction. Salisbury is celebrating their 40th anniversary by having a marquee in the Guildhall Square on

**Saturday 17th September**

showcasing some of the many activities our four local u3as provide. Come along and see some of our groups in action.

For more information, go to the national website at [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) or contact Peter Green at [u3aSalisbury@gmail.com](mailto:u3aSalisbury@gmail.com)

## THANK GOD FOR ..... STRAWBERRIES

Summer just wouldn't be the same without strawberries, would it?

My husband's birthday comes just before the start of Wimbledon and it is a tradition in our family for him to have strawberries and cream for his birthday tea. Wimbledon wouldn't be Wimbledon without strawberries either.



Of course, nowadays you can get hold of strawberries all year round, so it's no longer a novelty to have strawberries in January – but they really don't taste the same as the ones grown and picked in the summer in the UK – at least I don't think so. And there's nothing like the pleasure of growing your own strawberries, picking them and eating them straight away – maybe even before they get to the bowl!

We used to live in an area where there was a number of strawberry fields where you could pick your own in summer. Many's the year I staggered home with several pounds of strawberries to eat fresh or for the freezer. The effort was well worth the backache involved in picking them.

Another really good thing about strawberries is that they go so well into a variety of cakes and desserts, from strawberry tarts, to fresh fruit salad, to strawberry meringues, not to mention strawberry jam. Anyone for Eton Mess?

# Community Show

'Bake, Grow,  
Make, Show'

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury

*Do you enjoy baking? Got a good holiday photo?  
Have you been growing vegetables?  
Have you taken up a new hobby during lockdown?  
Do you fancy having a go at flower arranging?*

**Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome**

On the day doors open for viewing at 2:30pm  
Admission; Adult 50p, Children 10p

Prize Giving at 4:00pm. Followed by an  
Auction Sale of exhibits and Raffle.

Relax with some refreshments

**Closing date for entry forms Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

Schedules available (July) from St Francis Church, 1 Assisi Road,  
23 Beatrice Road or Castlemere, Stratford Sub Castle.

**For more information call 01722 324811**

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10:15 - 11:00: Walking - 2 Years  
11:15 - 12:00: 2 - 3 Years  
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